House Resolution No. 1146

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge the achievements of state employees who have demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of their duties; and

Whereas, Randy Firebaugh of Fredericktown has attained considerable distinction as a graduate of Fredericktown High School who subsequently served in the United States Army and earned a degree in computer repair from Southwest College in San Diego, California; and

Whereas, employed by the Missouri Department of Corrections since December 2, 2002, Randy Firebaugh will receive a Lifesaver Award on Monday, March 21, 2005, at the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center in Bonne Terre because of his successful lifesaving efforts while on duty as a Corrections Officer I on September 3, 2003; and

Whereas, Randy Firebaugh noticed an offender standing against the wall of B-dining and choking; and

Whereas, Randy Firebaugh approached the inmate, confirmed that he was indeed choking, and then immediately performed the Heimlich Maneuver to dislodge the obstruction from the offender's airway; and

Whereas, Randy Firebaugh's highly professional actions proved instrumental in saving a fellow human being's life; and

Whereas, at the time of his lifesaving efforts, Randy Firebaugh also was serving as a member of the E-Squad and as a third shift Yard Officer who was known for being dependable and observant on his post; and

Whereas, Randy Firebaugh was promoted to Electronics Technician at Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center on February 14, 2005; and

Whereas, Randy Firebaugh is justifiably proud to be known as the loving father of four-year-old Sophia and fifteen-year-old Caleb:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the lifesaving knowledge and activities of Randy Firebaugh and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon his well-deserved receipt of a Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Electronics Technician Randy Firebaugh of the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center at Bonne Terre, Missouri.

Offered by Speaker Rod Jetton District No. 156

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1146, adopted March 10, 2005.